Mr. Chandrasekharaiya said that Government were pleased to direct that primary education should be free in the State and the people of the State were highly grateful for this concession which enabled their children to prosecute their studies without much difficulty. As soon as these students passed the Lower Secondary Examination, much difficulty was felt for admission to the next higher classes in Government high schools. Some provision had to be made to remove this difficulty. It was promised by Government that they would open more schools as early as possible.

The Dewan replied that this question had been fully discussed in the Legislative Council and referred the members to his reply thereon. As funds become available, the programme which was laid down in the matter of opening of new schools would be worked out.

SUBJECT No. 132

Facilities to students for securing admission in Government schools.

Messrs. Chandrasekharayya, Bangalore City Municipality; G. Paramasiviah, Lingayet Education Fund Association, Bangalore and Thimme Gowda, Nagamangla Taluk.

Mr. Anche Thimmappa represented that much inconvenience was felt for want of trained teachers to relieve the school masters that went out for training or on leave. Even if months passed by, teachers were not replaced and the result was much difficulty to the new teachers to bring the school to its former condition. Sometimes teachers who had no training were posted. This was done, because no trained teacher could be got for so small a pay as half the pay of the ill-paid former teacher.

The Inspector-General of Education explained that sometimes the delay to the extent of 10 to 15 days occurred. When teachers were ordered for training, arrangements for filling up their places were immediately made and there would be no reason for delays of the kind enumerated. The department would take action in such cases, if they were only brought to their notice. There would, of course, be some cases where such delays were unavoidable.

SUBJECT No. 133

Appointment of relieving teachers.

Messrs. Anche Thimmappa, Venkatagiriappa, and Kali Gundappa, Sagar Taluk.

Mr. C. Narayanaswami Chetty represented that as a large number of students from outside Bangalore and Mysore were flocking into the hostels in these cities, it was very desirable that a doctor should be appointed as the superintendent of the hostel and directed to take his lodgings in the premises of the hostels. At present, there was no check over the students and students would be seen outside the hostels even after 9 or 10 p.m.

The Inspector-General of Education explained that most of the boys who resorted to these hostels were hale and healthy and Government took every precaution to appoint doctors to look after the students in these hostels during the time of epidemics.

The Dewan observed that the suggestion was a very good one and that the proposal could be introduced only when funds were available.

SUBJECT No. 134.

(*a*) Medical examination of school children.

(*b*) Improvement of the physique of boys in high schools and colleges.

Messrs. C. Narayanaswami Chetty, Chikballapur Taluk and K. T. Seshaiya, Belur Taluk.

Mr. H. S. Chickanna Gowda referred to the difficulties that were experienced for want of school buildings. He added that there were many villages where contributions had been recovered for this purpose. He requested that arrangements might kindly be made to construct school buildings in villages where contributions were already collected.

Reply of Government.—The matter is receiving attention.

SUBJECT No. 135.

Early construction of Elementary School buildings.

Mr. H.S. Chickannagowda, Belur Taluk.